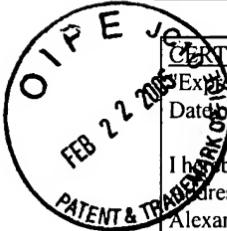


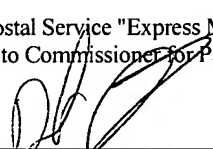
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, said period of response being extended from January 19, 2005 to February 19, 2005.

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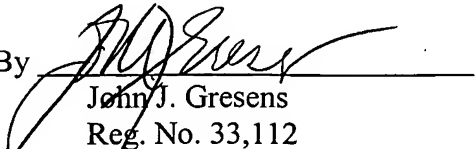
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